

TRIBUTE TO STAN GARNETT

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in a few days Stan Garnett will retire from the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, after 35 years of tremendous service to people in our Nation and elsewhere in the world.

Stan's experience and dedication to fighting hunger and malnutrition extends beyond his 35 years with the Department of Agriculture. Following his graduation from college, Stan answered President Kennedy's call to service abroad and spent 2 years in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. Thereafter, he joined Catholic Relief Services and spent 6 years administering food assistance programs in Southeast Asia and in Africa under tremendously difficult circumstances. He often traveled by helicopter in battle zones in Vietnam to deliver food assistance to war refugees, and he also provided food aid in Nigeria during the tragic Biafran conflict.

Following his work overseas, Stan returned to the United States and joined the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1971. Over the years, Stan held many different positions within the Food and Nutrition Service, the majority of them pertaining to legislative and regulatory policy in Federal child nutrition programs. Throughout his career, Stan served with accomplishment and, not surprisingly, continued a steady ascent in the ranks at the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture, eventually serving as the Director of Supplemental Food Programs and Director of the Child Nutrition Division.

Stan fulfilled those positions with great competence, but with integrity and humility as well. In 9 cases out of 10, Stan knows more about the issue at hand than anyone else in the room, but he never acts as if this is the case. Stan treats everyone equally—Members of Congress, members of his own staff, and the many people across the country who for so long have relied on Stan's expertise to help them operate child nutrition programs in their own communities. Stan is known by all who come in contact with him as a generous and caring administrator who is trusted by all.

After 35 years of Federal service, there is no question that Stan has certainly earned a much-deserved retirement. His absence will certainly be acutely felt, both within the Department of Agriculture and here in Congress. However, I have no doubt that one of Stan's biggest contributions is to leave child nutrition programs in the hands of capable colleagues who have benefited, as I have over the years, from his tremendous expertise, and who will ensure a smooth transition as new leadership assumes his responsibilities.

In so many respects, the Stan Garnett who will retire this year is strikingly similar to the Stan Garnett who

took up President Kennedy's call to service by entering the Peace Corps as a young man. His commitment to ending hunger and to promoting the economic security and nutrition of low-income families is as strong today as it was as a bright-eyed college graduate. Just as important, he has imparted this same idealism and commitment to numerous young people who have had the privilege to work with him over the years. To those who question what a career in public service can accomplish, I ask only that they look to Stan's career. What they will see in him is not just 40 years of service, but a call to action. I have no doubt that, because of his incredible commitment, Stan is a remarkable inspiration and example of heeding this call to action and public service. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 30, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3963. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on November 30, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Live Swine, Swine Semen, Pork, and Pork Products from the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0106) received on November 28, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3984. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Chile to Export Poultry and Poultry Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD25) received on December 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3985. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3986. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Commodity Credit Corporation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3987. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, nine Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3988. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patent Rights—Ownership by the Contractor" (DFARS Case 2001-D015) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3989. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Requirements for Suspicious Activity Reports" (RIN3133-AD23) received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3990. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FCU Bylaws" (12 CFR Part 701) received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3991. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework—Basel II" (Docket No. R-1261) received on November 14, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3992. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Initiatives to Address Management Deficiencies Identified in the Audit of FHA's Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2006 and 2005"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3993. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework—Basel II" (RIN1557-AC91) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3994. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's intent to impose new foreign policy-based